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I am against the two gates project for the following reasons, please do not go forward with this.

- More likely harmful to the Delta Smelt than protecting them. A recent report on the Head of Old River fish barrier identifies that dams located mid-river (not flush) like the Two Gates proposed area entrap smelt behind them and allow their predators to attack them. Not fish protection but fish elimination.
- An extremely negative impact to the Delta communities economies affecting marinas and marinebased businesses in the area; thus negatively affecting home values.
- A safety issue for boaters and marine rescue operations in the area
- A negative impact on the quality of the water in Discovery Bay and potentially affect the health of the citizens using the water for swimming and recreation
- An issue for the City of Discovery Bay to be able to safely discharge treated waste water
- Unreasonably expensive, especially for a temporary experiment. Project costs more than doubled from original estimates and, not yet estimated, due to safety issue, expensive locks would be required, not inexpensive butterfly gates.

I have been a resident of Discovery Bay for 17 years and I believe this project would be harmful to our community.

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